

Rissa tridactyla. KITTIWAKE.—Several were taken about Toronto in November, 1899.

Strix pratincta. AMERICAN BARN OWL.—A specimen was captured alive on a coal dock near the bay-front, Toronto, on September 7, 1899. The bird died soon afterwards and proved to be a male. This is the only Toronto record I am aware of, certainly the only one in recent years.

Pelecanus erythrorhynchus. AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN.—A male was shot on May 27, 1899, in the western bend of Lake Nipissing, Ontario.—JAMES H. FLEMING, *Toronto, Can.*

New Brunswick Notes.—It is evidently news to ornithologists that the American Robin (*Merula migratoria*) should be a winter resident in New Brunswick, yet such is without a doubt true. A big-game hunter informed me that about a large spring near the headwaters of the Nepisiquit River Robins were seen about the 20th of December, 1898. In the latter part of March, 1899, this locality was again visited and the Robins were there to the number of about fifty.

The Robins leave this locality (Scotch Lake) late in October or early in November, returning generally in the first week of April, but sometimes in the latter part of March. This locality is situated about 46° N., quite a distance south of the Nepisiquit.

A Turkey Buzzard (*Cathartes aura*) was captured in March, 1898, in Victoria County, N. B., and another seen at Keswick, York County, N. B., the same spring.

A Mourning Dove (*Zenaidura macroura*), a very rare bird here, was taken near Fredericton, Oct. 14, 1899.—WILLIE H. MOORE, *Scotch Lake, York Co., N. B.*

Bird News from Central New York.—In the three years which have elapsed since my last communication to 'The Auk' I have been able to add three new species to our list of Oneida County Birds, which with *Icteria virens*, recorded by Mr. W. J. B. Williams on page 331 of Vol. XV, bring the total for our vicinity up to 247. These three are:

Numenius hudsonicus. HUDSONIAN CURLEW.—A specimen of this bird, sex unknown, was shot on Verona Beach, Oneida Lake, by Egbert Bagg, Jr., Sept. 5, 1899.

Strix pratincta. AMERICAN BARN OWL.—About the middle of September, 1898, Mr. Charles L. Smith of Utica was driving in the adjoining town of Marcy, when he saw an Owl in a tree beside the road. While he was watching the bird, it left its perch and flew to a neighboring barnyard where it proceeded to "chase the chickens." Mr. S. left his horse and went to the rescue of the chickens, expecting to see the Owl fly away, but instead, it sought safety under the barn (perhaps having been there before). Mr. S. crawled in after the bird and captured it alive and took it home with him. He kept it alive for some time but finally

had it killed, mounted and placed in the store window, where I saw it and obtained from Mr. Smith this account of its curious capture.

Wilsonia mitrata. HOODED WARBLER.—Mr. W. R. Maxon finds this species every summer on the west slope of the "Stockbridge Hills," a few miles from the village of Oneida. He has observed them during the breeding season for three years and on June 24, 1898, secured a fine male in full plumage.

In addition to these new records the following seem worthy of mention :

Charadrius squatarola. BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER.—Between September 5 and 7, 1899, Egbert Bagg, Jr., and a companion killed several birds of this species on Verona Beach, Oneida Lake. Our second record.

Ardetta exilis. LEAST BITTERN.—I killed a young bird at Verona Beach, Sept. 1, 1898, and another was killed in the same town in the fall of 1897. Additional records. This bird may safely be put down as not uncommon near the western border of the county.

Tringa bairdii. BAIRD'S SANDPIPER.—A young bird was shot on Verona Beach by Egbert Bagg, Jr., Sept. 4, 1897, and a second specimen at the same place Sept. 5, 1899. Our only previous knowledge was Mr. Henshaw's record at Locust Grove in 'The Auk,' Vol. II, page 384.

Colinus virginianus. BOB-WHITE.—Mr. W. R. Maxon writes me, "On June 11, 1897, a covey of young Quail, able only to run, was observed near Sherrill, Oneida Co. A few Quail remained all last summer (1897) in the neighborhood of the Oneida County house, where they were observed frequently by Mr. Percy Klock. Additional records.

Accipiter atricapillus. AMERICAN GOSHAWK.—This bird is not uncommon in Hamilton County, where I have observed it for several years during the month of May, and where I had the pleasure of taking a nest on May 9, 1898. This is our first breeding record.

Ammodramus savannarum passerinus. GRASSHOPPER SPARROW.—Mr. W. R. Maxon finds this bird common in the hills south of Oneida. He has taken several specimens in successive summers. Additional records.

Pipilo erythrophthalmus. TOWHEE.—A pair was taken in the town of Vienna, about two miles northeast of the village of North Bay, July 8, 1897. Our fourth record, but all the others were migrants.

Dendroica cærulea. CERULEAN WARBLER.—June 24, 1898, Mr. Maxon found these birds to the number of 25 or more inhabiting a piece of woods about five miles south of Oneida. He secured three specimens. In June, 1899, he found them in the same place and took two more. We had one previous record from Clinton.

Harporhynchus rufus. BROWN THRASHER.—July 8, 1897, I found these birds very common a few miles northeast of North Bay in the town of Vienna, evidently resident. Entered before as "occasional."—EGBERT BAGG. *Utica, N. Y.*

Some Necessary Changes in Nomenclature. — *Pan* (Richm. 1899, vice